jects namely, Rajghat Canal and Narmada Sagar projects were pending for clearance in Planning Commission as on 31.3.88. For the Rajghat Canal Project, the concurrence of the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh to alignment of the Datia Carrier Canal in Uttar Pradesh is awaited. Approval of the Technical Advisory Committee and Central Electricity Authority to the revised costs estimates of the Narmada Sagar Project is awaited. Planning Commission will be in a position to take further action in the matter only after receipt of the above mentioned concurrence/approval.

Manufacturers of shell of Bofors gun

1040. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state what are the names and details of the manufacturers for the shell of Bofors gun?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): This information is not available as no order has so far been placed on any manufacturer for the shell of Bofors gun.

Dejure recognition of Israel

1041. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had dejure recognized the State and Government of Israel in September, 1950;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that India have neither an Embassy nor a consulate in Israel;

(c) whether Government are aware of the harassment and delay Israeli citizens face when they seek Indian visas to visit the relatives in Maharashtra and Kerala; and

(d) whether Government propose to streamline the visa procedures for Israelis who have relatives in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India has not established diplomatic relations with Israel and has accordingly not opened an Embassy or Consulate in that country.

(c) and (d) Government are not aware of any harassment or delay in the grant of visas to Israeli citizens seeking to visit their relatives in India. A special procedure has been derised for the issue of visas to Israeli citizens of Indian origin. The policy and procedure in this regard is under constant review.

Missions to Mars

1042. SHRI KANHU CHARAN LENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian scientists will help the Soviet scientists in the 'Missions to Mars';

(b) whether there is any possibility that this joint venture will help India to land to the Mars; and

(c) if so, by when it will be possible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Discussions on the Indian participation in some of the experiments for the future Soviet missions for the exploration of Mars by sending unmanned spacecraft are under way. These discussions are in a very preliminary stage.

(b) There are no plans for an Indian landing on Mars, as the ex-